

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the supplemental response filed 11 September 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,4,5,7-16 and 18-25.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying Indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 0207
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

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The supplemental response with amendments filed 11 September 2006 has been received and entered.

Claims 1-5, 7-16, and 18-25 have been examined on the merits.

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Kate Murashige on 05 April 2007.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 3 has been canceled.

In claim 1, at line 5, the phrase --has a BRIX value of 12-15 and-- has been inserted after the term "medium".

In claim 2, at line 3, the phrase "an optionally dried" has been omitted and replaced with the term --a--.

Also in claim 2, at line 6, the phrase "medium further contains potassium ion and carotene, and wherein" has been omitted and replaced with the phrase --medium has a BRIX value of 12-15 and further contains potassium ion and carotene , wherein--.

Also in claim 2, at line 8, the phrase --, and wherein said filtrate is optionally dried-- has been inserted after the term "removed".

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In claim 10, at line 1, the phrase "to prepare" has been omitted and replaced with the phrase --for preparing--.

Also in claim 10, at line 2, the phrase "the filtrate" has been omitted and replaced with the phrase --a filtrate--.

Also in claim 10, at line 3, the word "which" has been omitted and replaced with the phrase --, whereby the--.

In claim 11, at line 1, the phrase "to prepare" has been omitted and replaced with the phrase --for preparing--.

Conclusion

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-16, and 18-25 are allowed.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Please note that the examiner assigned to this Application has changed. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher R. Tate whose telephone number is (571) 272-0970. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur, 6:30-4:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Terry McKelvey can be reached on (571) 272-0775. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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